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Preface

This manual contains instructions for installing YAWL version Beta 8.

How to Use This Manual

The Requirements & Installation chapter provides installation instructions for the two software requirements, Java 2 SDK and Tomcat, and then continues on to provide detailed installation instructions for the YAWL Engine.

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Welcome to YAWL

What is YAWL?

Based on a rigorous analysis of existing workflow management systems and workflow languages, we have developed a new workflow language: YAWL (Yet Another Workflow Language). To identify the differences between the various languages, we have collected a fairly complete set of [workflow patterns](#). Based on these patterns we have evaluated several workflow products and detected considerable differences in expressive power. Languages based on Petri nets perform better when it comes to state-based workflow patterns. However, some patterns (e.g. involving multiple instances, complex synchronizations or non-local withdrawals) are not easy to map onto (high-level) Petri nets. This inspired us to develop a new language by taking Petri nets as a starting point and adding mechanisms to allow for a more direct and intuitive support of the workflow patterns identified.

YAWL can be considered a very powerful workflow language, built upon experiences with languages supported by contemporary workflow management systems. While not a commercial language itself it encompasses these languages, and, in addition, has a formal semantics. Such an approach is in contrast with e.g. WfMC's XPDL which takes commonalities between various languages as a starting point and does not have formal semantics. Its design hopefully allows YAWL to be used for the purposes of the study of expressiveness and interoperability issues.

At this stage YAWL supports the control-flow perspective and the data perspective. However, it is important that relations with the resource perspective are investigated and formalized. For YAWL to be more applicable in the area of web services and Enterprise Application Integration, it is also desirable that support for communication patterns is built-in.

Obtaining the Latest Version of the YAWL Engine

As new versions of the YAWL Engine are released to the public, they will be available for download at the YAWL website:

<http://www.yawl-system.com>

Developers interested in obtaining the source code for the YAWL Engine, can download the files from here:

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/yawl>

The YAWL Project

For more information and progress on the YAWL project, visit the YAWL Homepage, hosted by Queensland University of Technology's, Faculty of Information Technology.

Requirements

- Java 2, Standard Edition (J2SE), 1.4.2_10
- Apache Tomcat 5.0.28
- PostgreSQL – 8: If you wish to use database persistence.
- YAWL Beta – 8 has been tested under Windows NT/XP and Linux.

NOTE:

We have tested the platform with several combinations of Java and Tomcat, and found issues related to the submission of forms for versions: Java 5.0, and Tomcat 5.0.16, and Tomcat 5.5.x.

Java 2 SDK

The Java 2 Software Development Kit, Standard Edition, v1.4.2_10 (the last version of Java 2), can be downloaded from Sun Microsystems Java website: <http://java.sun.com/>

1. Execute the downloaded Installer.
2. Once the installer has completed, you need to set up the JAVA_HOME environment variable for your operating system, and point it to the base directory of your JDK e.g., 'C:\j2sdk1.4.2_10'.

Instructions for setting up JAVA_HOME under Windows XP

- i) Open the Control Panel.
- ii) Choose **System** from the Control Panel.
- iii) Go to the Advanced tab of the Control Panel and choose '**Environment Variables**' (see Figure 1: **Environment Variables Menu**).



Figure 1: Environment Variables Menu

- iv) Under the System Variables section, locate the “JAVA_HOME” variable and choose **Edit**. If JAVA_HOME is not in the list of System Variables, choose ‘New’ (see Figure 2: **Locate the JAVA_HOME System variable**).

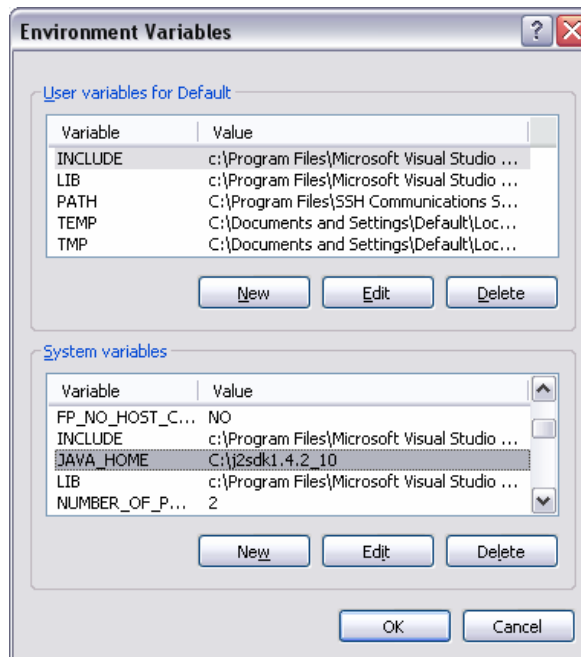


Figure 2: Locate the JAVA_HOME System variable

- v) In the Variable name field type in JAVA_HOME. In the Variable value type in the location of the folder you installed the Java 2 Software Development Kit, eg. C:\j2sdk1.4.2_10 (see Figure 3: **Setting up the JAVA_HOME variable**).

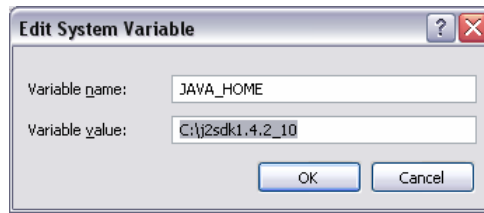


Figure 3: Setting up the JAVA_HOME variable.

- vi) Click OK, OK, OK. The JAVA_HOME environment variable has now been set up.

Apache Tomcat

Download Tomcat, from the Tomcat website: <http://jakarta.apache.org/tomcat/>, or click on the download link below:

1. Execute the downloaded Installer.
2. Once the installer has completed, you need to set up the following environment variable into your operating system:

CATALINA_HOME and point it to the root directory of Tomcat (e.g., 'C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 5.0').

Instructions for setting up CATALINA_HOME under Windows XP

- i) Go to the Environment Variables in the Control Panel. *See section i) – iii) of previous section, Instructions for JAVA_HOME.*
- ii) Under the System Variables section, locate the CATALINA_HOME variable and choose **Edit**. If CATALINA_HOME is not in the list of System Variables, choose **New** (see Figure 4: **Check for the presence of the CATALINA_HOME System variable**).

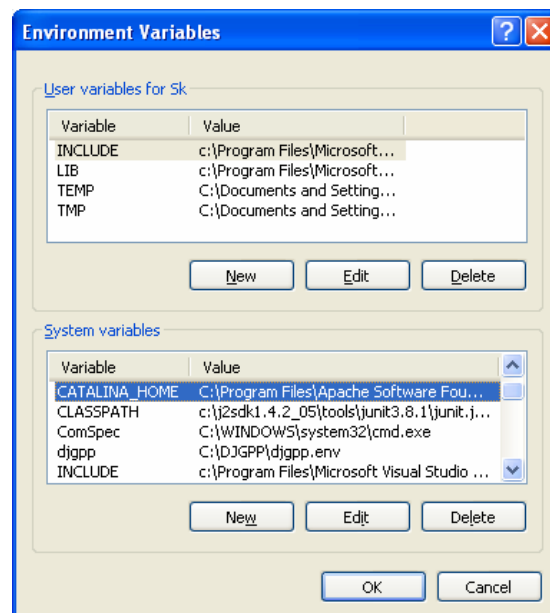


Figure 4: Check for the presence of the CATALINA_HOME System variable

- iii) In the Variable name field type in CATALINA_HOME. In the Variable value type in the location of the folder you installed the Tomcat software, eg. 'C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 5.0 (see Figure 5: **Setting up the CATALINA_HOME System variable.**).

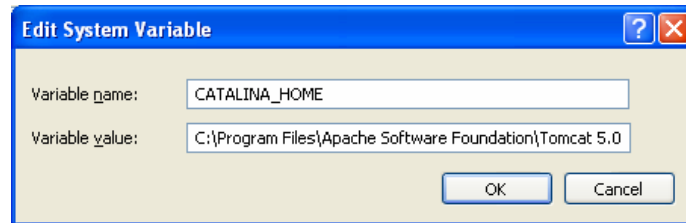


Figure 5: Setting up the CATALINA_HOME System variable.

- iv) Click OK, OK, OK. Now the CATALINA_HOME environment variable has now been set up.

Starting Tomcat

Tomcat is a web-application hosting environment for hosting browser-based applications. YAWL being such requires a Servlet/JSP environment, such as Tomcat.

1. Launch Tomcat using the 'Monitor Tomcat' shortcut in the Start Menu.

Start => Programs => Apache Tomcat 5.0 => Monitor Tomcat (Figure 6).



Figure 6 Launching Tomcat Monitor

2. Right-click on the Apache Tomcat icon in your System Tray and choose “Start Service” (Figure 7).

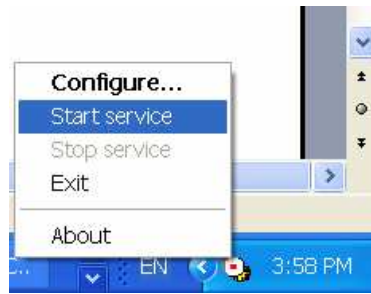


Figure 7: Starting Tomcat Service

If the Start Service option is not available, then the service has already been started. You will need to “Stop Service” then “Start Service”.

Note: If you start the service, then right-click on the Apache Tomcat icon and choose “Exit”, the service will remain Started even though you have exited the Tomcat Monitor.

3. Allow 15 to 20 seconds for the web service to initiate before continuing on with launching YAWL (see Launching the YAWL Engine).

About the Binary Distribution for YAWL

In the YAWL-Beta-8-Executable-WebServer.zip file are eight web application (.war) files:

yawl.war

'yawl.war' is the core workflow engine; it talks to the other components via XML messages sent over HTTP.

worklist.war

'worklist.war' is the worklist web application component. It serves HTML pages to multiple users, providing a view into the state of running workflow in the engine component.

yawlWSInvoker.war

'yawlWSInvoker.war' is the application integration component. It enables the engine to invoke online Web Services.

yawlSMSInvoker.war

'yawlSMSInvoker.war' is a custom YAWL service capable of sending and receiving SMS messages. To use it you will need to set up an account with a particular SMS company. More information can be found by clicking the link to the YAWL service from the administration page.

Note:

To use the SMS Invoker service you will first need to get some SMS credits from the company our tool uses to perform the SMS network connectivity (<http://www.directsms.com.au>). Then you will need to enter your account details

(username & password) into the YAWL tool. The entry form for this can be accessed by clicking on the link (<http://localhost:8080/yawlSMSInvoker/ib>) inside the administration page.

YAWLXForms.war

‘YAWLXForms.war’ is the forms processing component. It is used to generate and display forms for tasks as required in the YAWL engine.

admintool.war

This is the YAWL administration tool. You need this to add/edit the organisational resources and roles. If the process model is configured to allocate workitems to particular people then you will need to add them through this. URL: <http://localhost:8080/admintool>

workletService.war

The *Worklet Dynamic Process Selection and Exception Handling Service* is a Custom YAWL service that adds flexibility and exception handling capabilities for all standard YAWL processes. See the separate document *Worklet Custom Service Installation and User Manual – Beta 8* for more information about the worklet service.

timeService.war

The time-service is a YAWL compatible web service capable of providing timeout functionality to YAWL processes. This allows critical sections of YAWL processes to race against a defined deadline, which can result in compensation/escalation strategies if deadlines are not met.

The zip file also contains the following example YAWL Specifications, for example:

- § **BarnesAndNoble.xml:** written to invoke the Barnes and Noble web service and display the price of an arbitrary book using the ISBN.
- § **MakeRecordings.xml:** which is a nonsensical process based around recording songs for an album.

Also included in the binary distribution are the following two “jar” files:
dom3-xercesImpl.jar & dom3-xml-apis.jar: 3rd party libraries needed to support XForms display.

Installing YAWL

To install YAWL:

1. Extract the contents of ‘YAWL-Beta-8-Executable-WebServer-Version.zip’ to a directory of your choice.
2. Copy each of the ‘.war’ files directly into the ‘webapps’ directory inside your Tomcat installation (Figure 8).

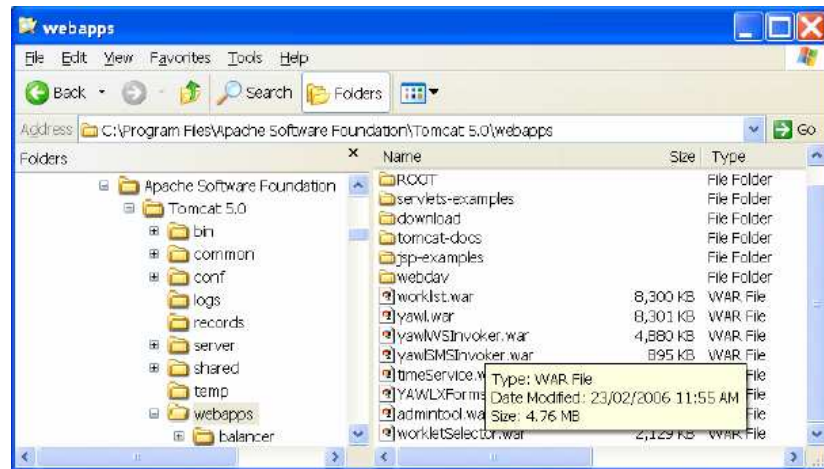


Figure 8: Installation of YAWL '.war' files

3. Copy **dom3-xercesImpl.jar** and **dom3-xml-apis.jar** from the YAWL-Beta-8-Executable-WebServer.zip file to %CATALINA_HOME%/common/endorsed.
4. Remove or backup any other **xercesImpl.jar** and **xml-apis.jar** possibly residing there. Alternatively you might install the extracted libraries as extensions in your JAVA_HOME.

Congratulations – YAWL installation is complete!

Enabling Persistence through PostgreSQL

You need to install PostgreSQL if you wish to use the full features of the YAWL product. For instance the allocation of work items to different users (based on their role/s – known as the resource perspective) relies on a properly installed database. YAWL has persistence switched off by default, and therefore the installation of Postgres is in fact optional.

Installing PostgreSQL [Optional]

To install Postgres download the installer from the [PostgreSQL website](#). Then double click the installer program for whatever platform and language requirements you have locally. For the Windows XP platform the Postgres installer will resemble the form **postgresql-x.x-int.msi**. Execute the MSI. In XP you are asked if you want to run it as a service:

1. Ensure that you are logged in to XP with Administrator privileges.
2. Choose to “install as a service” (see Figure 9: Choose “Install as Service” and an account password of your choosing. This will create a new user in the operating system, which, as stated, must not have admin privileges.).
3. Enter username and password for a user in XP that hosts the PostgreSQL service – this user should be underprivileged (see Figure 9).
4. Enter password “yawl” (see Figure 10).

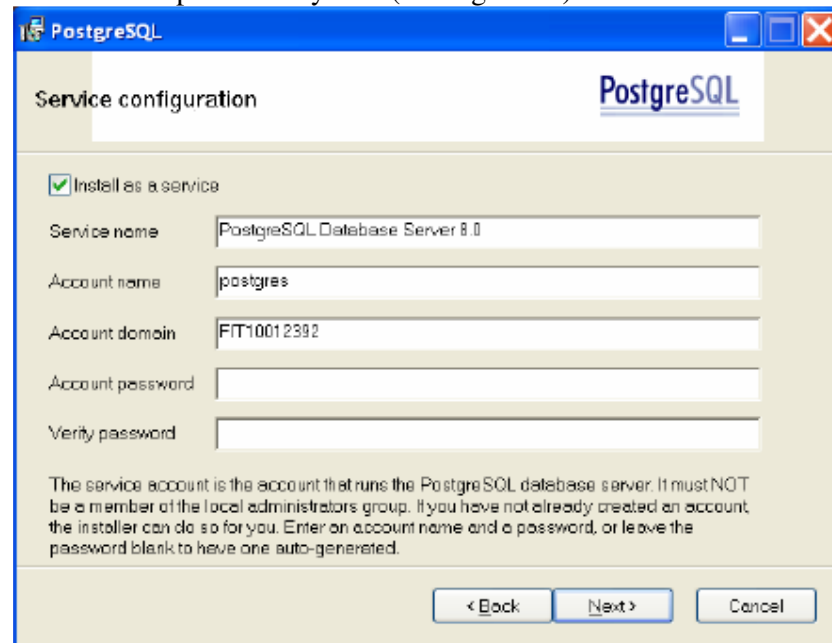


Figure 9: Choose “Install as Service” and an account password of your choosing. This will create a new user in the operating system, which, as stated, must not have admin privileges.

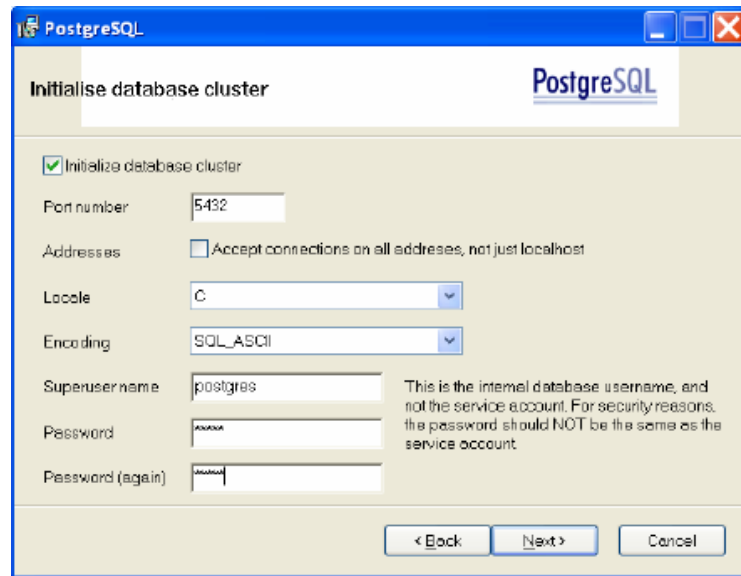


Figure 10: YAWL is configured to use username “postgres”, password “yawlw” to connect with the database¹.

5. Click “Next” 4 times and Postgres is installed.
6. Now launch the pgAdmin tool (see Figure 11). Right click on the PostgreSQL Database Server and choose “connect”. In the Connect to Server dialog box enter “yawlw”. Next right click on “Databases” and choose “New Database”

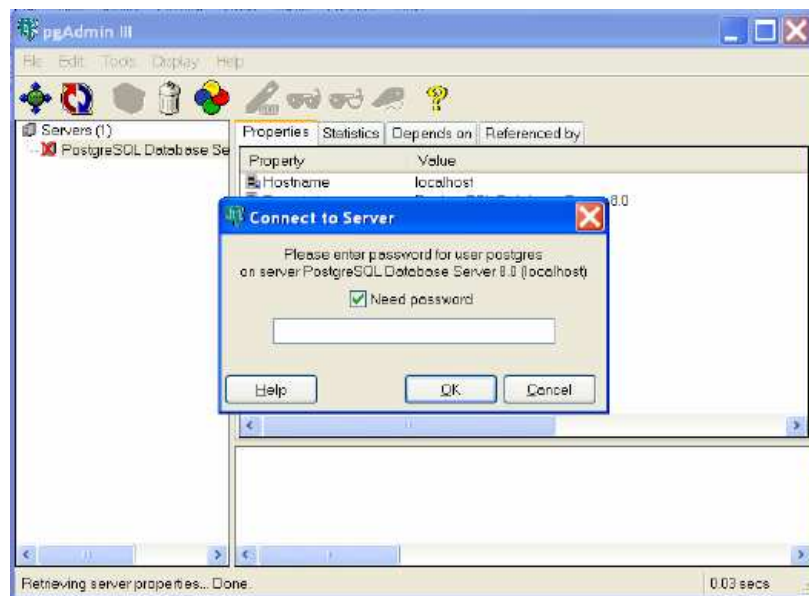


Figure 11: pgAdmin - the PostgreSQL Administration tool.

¹ If you wish to change the username/password combination that YAWL uses you will need to edit “hibernate.connection.username” and “hibernate.connection.password” of the “hibernate.properties” file. You’ll also have to add the new user/password to Postgres.

7. In the next box choose “yawl” as the Database name, you can leave all the other fields blank. Click OK.

You do not need to create tables. The YAWL application can do this automatically when it is started.

Configuring YAWL Runtime to use PostgreSQL [Optional]

As mentioned previously, the YAWL system does not connect to a database by default, however configuring it to do so is not very difficult.

The easiest way to do this is to load the binary war files into Tomcat’s “webapps” directory, and let Tomcat automatically load and extract their contents.

Stop Tomcat and open each of the following XML files:

```
%CATALINA_HOME%/webapps/yawl/WEB-INF/web.xml
%CATALINA_HOME%/webapps/worklist/WEB-INF/web.xml
%CATALINA_HOME%/webapps/admintool/WEB-INF/web.xml
%CATALINA_HOME%/webapps/workletService/WEB-INF/web.xml
```

In each of the files edit the context parameter “EnablePersistence” by changing the parameter’s value from “false” to “true”:

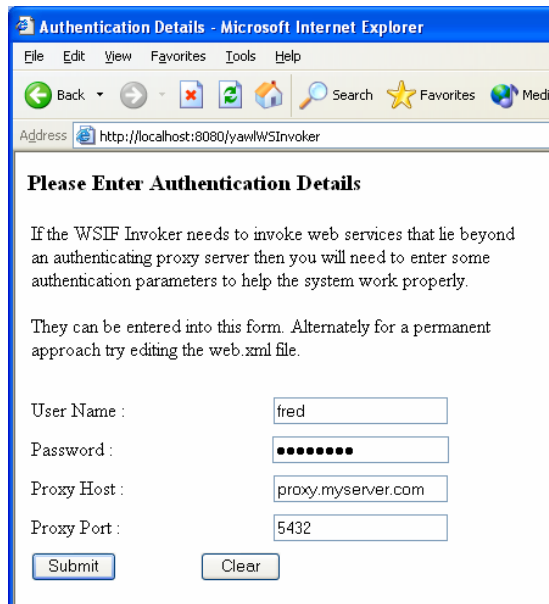
```
<context-param>
  <param-name>EnablePersistence</param-name>
  <param-value>true</param-value>
  <description>Set this value to 'true' to enable persistence and logging set to 'false' to
    disable</description>
</context-param>
```

Configuration for Proxy Servers [Optional]

If your computer resides inside of a network behind an authenticating proxy, in order to use the 'yawlWSInvoker' application to invoke services on the World Wide Web, some minor configuration is required.

1. Open up your web browser.
2. Type the following address into the address line and press enter:
<http://localhost:8080/yawlWSInvoker>.
3. Fill in the following fields on the form, detailing your proxy server:
 - User Name – authenticating proxy user name
 - Password – authenticating proxy password
 - Proxy Host – URL of HTTP proxy machine.
 - Proxy Port – the port number of the proxy machine.

Then submit the form (see Figure 12). The web application that invokes web services needs this information to make http requests across network fire-walls.



Authentication Details - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Reload Home Search Favorites Media

Address <http://localhost:8080/yawlWSInvoker>

Please Enter Authentication Details

If the WSIF Invoker needs to invoke web services that lie beyond an authenticating proxy server then you will need to enter some authentication parameters to help the system work properly.

They can be entered into this form. Alternately for a permanent approach try editing the web.xml file.

User Name :

Password :

Proxy Host :

Proxy Port :

Figure 12: Authentication Details

Known Issues

Web Service Invoker (wsInvoker.war)

- The web service invoker does not support sending call back addresses to an asynchronous web service.
- The web service invoker component is not able to invoke web services with complex data types as their parameters.

YAWL XForms Processor (YAWLXForms.war)

- Currently forms cannot be generated for schemas that contain enumerated types.

Troubleshooting

I've just finished setting up the YAWL Engine and I don't know my UserID and password. Do I need to request one from the YAWL Administrator?

No. As the person testing or viewing the YAWL Engine, you are welcome to assume the role of Administrator. The Log In details for the Administrator are (case-sensitive):

UserID: `admin`

Password: `YAWL`

Do I have to start the Tomcat service every time I want to use YAWL?

No. Once you start the Tomcat service it will remain started, preserving all your uploaded specifications and the status of “work”, until the computer has been shutdown or restarted.

The Tomcat service remains started regardless of whether the Tomcat Monitor has been “exited”. If you restart the computer, the Tomcat service will stop upon shutdown, and start once the computer has restarted.

When I navigate to another page in the YAWL Engine, the browser tells me that “The page cannot be displayed”.

- i) Make sure that the Tomcat service is “started”.
- ii) Try refreshing the page (F5). YAWL has to wait approximately 10 – 15 seconds for the Tomcat web service to start.

I can't seem to Log In to the YAWL Engine, using the Administrator ID. I keep getting an error message, “Your attempt at login failed try again”.

There could be any of three possible answers to this problem. Please check each answer in the following order:

- i) Have you met the software requirements of YAWL?

See the Software Requirements section of the Requirements & Installation chapter.

- ii) Check the UserID and Password

The Administrator's UserID is `admin` and the password is `YAWL`. Both are case-sensitive.

- iii) Has Tomcat been installed on a port different from the default port value of 8080?

The "worklist.war" component is configured to look up the "engine.war" component from an address in "web.xml".

If you have installed Tomcat on a port other than 8080, then go to the "web.xml" file for worklist.war and go to the context param named "InterfaceB_BackEnd". Change the value to your port and restart Tomcat.

- iv) Check that yawl.war is installed. "worklist.war" is not a stand alone web application. It needs to "talk" via XML to yawl.war to retrieve and state and instructions. See installation instructions to install this component.

Does the YAWL Engine have database support ?

Yes, it is optional, and uses PostgreSQL by default.

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If Recipient institutes patent litigation against a Contributor with respect to a patent applicable to software (including a cross-claim or counterclaim in a lawsuit), then any patent licenses granted by that Contributor to such Recipient under this Agreement shall terminate as of the date such litigation is filed. In addition, if Recipient institutes patent litigation against any entity (including a cross-claim or counterclaim in a lawsuit) alleging that the Program itself (excluding combinations of the Program with other software or hardware) infringes such Recipient's patent(s), then such Recipient's rights granted under Section 2(b) shall terminate as of the date such litigation is filed.

All Recipient's rights under this Agreement shall terminate if it fails to comply with any of the material terms or conditions of this Agreement and does not cure

such failure in a reasonable period of time after becoming aware of such noncompliance. If all Recipient's rights under this Agreement terminate, Recipient agrees to cease use and distribution of the Program as soon as reasonably practicable. However, Recipient's obligations under this Agreement and any licenses granted by Recipient relating to the Program shall continue and survive. Everyone is permitted to copy and distribute copies of this Agreement, but in order to avoid inconsistency the Agreement is copyrighted and may only be modified in the following manner. The Agreement Steward reserves the right to publish new versions (including revisions) of this Agreement from time to time. No one other than the Agreement Steward has the right to modify this Agreement. IBM is the initial Agreement Steward. IBM may assign the responsibility to serve as the Agreement Steward to a suitable separate entity. Each new version of the Agreement will be given a distinguishing version number. The Program (including Contributions) may always be distributed subject to the version of the Agreement under which it was received. In addition, after a new version of the Agreement is published, Contributor may elect to distribute the Program (including its Contributions) under the new version. Except as expressly stated in Sections 2(a) and 2(b) above, Recipient receives no rights or licenses to the intellectual property of any Contributor under this Agreement, whether expressly, by implication, estoppel or otherwise. All rights in the Program not expressly granted under this Agreement are reserved. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of New York and the intellectual property laws of the United States of America. No party to this Agreement will bring a legal action under this Agreement more than one year after the cause of action arose. Each party waives its rights to a jury trial in any resulting litigation.

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